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WASHINGTON — The former deputy director of intelligence for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) said Sunday that the press was not helping the country by continuing the exposure of private organizations financed by the CIA.

"The gentlemen of the fourth estate might just as well be scuttling carriers in the Tonkin Gulf," said Robert Amory Jr.

Amory, who appeared on nationwide television Meet the Press — NBC, indicated there were still many unnamed private organizations receiving financial aid from the CIA and disclosing them could go on and on "like unraveling a sweater."

He defended the CIA subsidization of the National Student Association and other similar organizations as necessary to counter extensive Communist penetration of youth groups around the world.

On another television program, ABC's Issues and Answers, Michael Wood, former NSA fund raiser and the one who initially exposed the CIA, asserted that the CIA had tried to intimidate an NSA official by threatening to forge psychiatric records and place them in the government to discredit his employment opportunities.

Wood declined to reveal the source of his information and the other two panelists on the program, Eugene Groves, president of NSA and Richard Stearns, NSA's international vice president, denied knowledge of any such case.

Both Stearns and Groves admitted they knew of no direct influence by the CIA on NSA officials' decisions.

Appearing on Face the Nation — CBS, former GOP presidential candidate, Barry Goldwater, accused the CIA of financing "socialism in America" by subsidizing education and labor organizations for international conferences. He said he was disturbed because "all this money went to left-wing organizations" while conservative groups were left out.

In a joint statement Saturday 12 former presidents of the NSA said CIA support never impaired the association's independence in matters of principle. And they described as "arbitrary nonsense" any suggestion they had been duped or trapped into accepting CIA aid.

Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., said Sunday that the CIA-student alliance in the 1950s was a strikingly successful anti-Communist move and would have been impossible without the secrecy with which it was carried out.

Jackson said that the success could not have been achieved without working "through some of the more liberal, even leftish, groups". And he reasoned that open support of such groups by the State Department or U.S. Information Agency would have been impossible at that time because of the virulent anti-Communist atmosphere being generated by the late Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis.

Jackson spoke on the Metro-media television-radio program "Opinion in the Capital".